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PREFACE

This is the third in the 1963 series of aerial photographic evaluations of specific information contained in reports by non-photographic sources. Except for a few lengthy source documents which have been paraphrased, the specific statements in the document being evaluated are presented exactly as received, the photographic evaluations printed immediately below. Source document information which cannot be evaluated by photographic analysis is omitted.

For each province there is a locator map showing the areas evaluated. The maps are annotated with principal cities and item numbers. Provinces are listed from west to east.

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DOCUMENTS EVALUATED

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1. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, BAHIA HONDA
PORT, ARRIVAL OF SOVIET PERSONNEL,
ARMS, AND EQUIPMENT

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: 27-28 Feb 63 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATEMENT:

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On 27 or 28 Feb 63, a Soviet ship arrived at Bahia Honda, next to Mariel, in Pinar del Rio Province, with about 1,000 troops and many Soviet arms and equipment. Source reported he was told that "many trucks (were) loaded at the docks with Soviet personnel who were taken from the Soviet vessel. They unloaded personnel all night long and the arms and equipment during the day. The destination of the trucks was unknown, but they headed in the general direction of Havana."

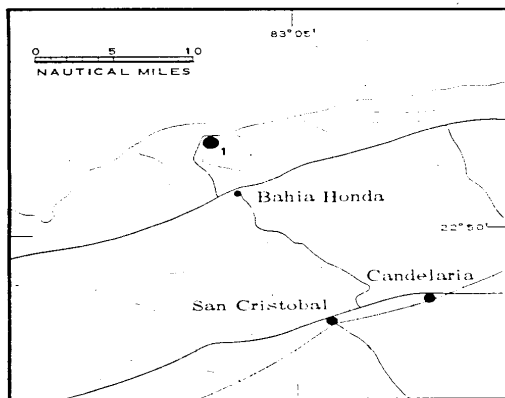


FIGURE 1. LOCATOR MAP FOR PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. Number in red shows the location of the similarly numbered item evaluated in the text.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] confirms the existence of a ship [REDACTED] unloading at Bahia Honda

Port. The ship is docked in the Gobernadora slip and entrance to the slip is blocked by a PC. Numerous tractor-trailers, cargo trucks, and other vehicles are observed on the dock. The type of cargo being unloaded cannot be determined.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3584 I, 1st ed, 9/62.

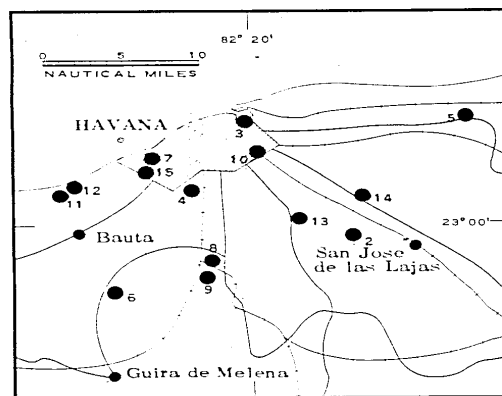


FIGURE 2. LOCATOR MAP FOR HAVANA PROVINCE. Numbers in red show the locations of similarly numbered items evaluated in the text.

2. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR NAZARENO,
ARMORED TANK CAMP

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201070863

DATE OF INFO: May 63

[REDACTED] STATEMENT:

"An armored tank camp is located four hundred meters north of the town of Nazareno (UTM coord LR 739374, Sheet 3784 I, Series E 723), Havana Province. (Approximately) thirty-four tanks, including T-33 models and heavy armored tanks, are located here."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a tank camp at UTM grid 739374 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 I, 3ded). Source may be referring to Nazareno Military Area at UTM grid 737400 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 I, 3d ed), which is a known tank area.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 I, 3ded, 12/61.

3. HAVANA PROVINCE, HAVANA PORT,
SOVIET PERSONNEL LEAVING CUBA

SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

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[] STATEMENT:

"On 27 or 28 Feb 63, a Soviet boat left from the Havana Port for the USSR carrying some 700 Soviet troops. This shipment of Soviet troops was common knowledge in Havana and was advertised widely by radio and the newspapers as the first shipment of Soviets leaving Cuba. They said that several thousand more Soviets would leave Cuba for the USSR in the near future."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals one passenger ship [] at the Santa Clara pier in Havana Port. However, it could not be determined if the ship is taking on Soviet troops.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62.

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4. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR WAJAY, SOVIET
CAMP

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DATE OF INFO: Apr 63 and earlier

[] STATEMENT:

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In late April 1963, [] reported, a friend observed a Soviet camp of approximately 1,000 men near Wajay on the east side of the Fontanar-Wajay highway.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a Soviet camp in this area.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62.

5. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR GUANABO
VIEJO, MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201064263

DATE OF INFO: Apr 63

[] STATEMENT:

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"An armored unit consisting of 500 troops is located at a permanent camp...near Guanabo Viejo (coord: LR 851606, Sheet 3785 II, Series E 723), Havana Province. The tanks are camouflaged."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a military camp in the reported area; however, Campo Florido Military Camp is located 2 nm south of Guanabo Viejo, and Bajurayabo Military Camp is located 3.4 nm WSW of Guanabo Viejo.

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MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 II, 3d ed, 9/60.

6. HAVANA PROVINCE, SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD, MILITARY ACTIVITY

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201058863

DATE OF INFO: Apr 63

25X1A [] STATEMENT:

"Construction work is taking place at the San Antonio de Los Banos Air Base (coord: LR 450300, Sheet 3684 I, Series E 723), Havana Province...A great number of trailer-trucks loaded with crates have been observed on the road leading to this Base. Due to the size and shape of the crates, it is believed that they contain aircraft fuselages, and/or missile or rocket components...Construction is (reported)

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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22 earth-covered hangarettes at the airfield.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3684 I, 3d ed, 10/62.

7. HAVANA PROVINCE, CIUDAD LIBERTAD, TRAINING OF CUBAN PILOTS



DATE OF INFO: Mar-Apr 63

[] STATEMENT:

"There is a pilot training school (containing MIG-15's, MIG-19's, and MIG-21's) at Ciudad Libertad in Havana... Most of the MIG-15's are maintained and prepared for combat, but they are not flown very often...As of March 1963, Soviet and Cuban pilots were manning the MIG-19's and many Cuban pilots were receiving 'in-the-air' instruction in operating the MIG-19's. Also as of March 1963, Cuban pilots were receiving classroom 'on-the-ground' instruction in the operation of the MIG-21."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

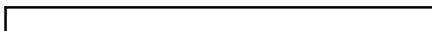
Aerial photography dated [] reveals one probable Fagot/Fresco (MIG-15/17) parked on apron at Ciudad Libertad (Campo Libertad) Airfield. No other jet aircraft were observed.

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MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62.

8. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BEJUCAL, SOVIET BASE



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DATE OF INFO: 22 May 63 and earlier

[] STATEMENT:

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"I have heard that the Cabera farm, located between Bejucal and San Antonio de las Vegas (at coord: 17QLR 630294, Sheet 3784 IV, AMS Series E 723), was taken over by Soviets about six months ago. I have not seen them there, nor have I driven near this farm, but the 'guajiros' from that area...state that construction

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material is constantly being taken in to that farm by the Soviets..."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a known unidentified secured area containing numerous construction materials at UTM grid 630294. The entire area is secured by a fence with at least 3 guard towers. Six barracks/storage-type and numerous small buildings under construction, one tractor-trailer, and a few small unidentified vehicles were observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV, 3d ed, 9/62.

9. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BEJUCAL, SOVIET BASE

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DATE OF INFO: 22 May 63 and earlier

[] STATEMENT:

A hill adjoining Bejucal (located at coordinates 17QLR 582363, AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV) "is the location of a Soviet garrison of about 500 men. They occupy what was formerly a Catholic orphanage known as 'Ciudad de los Ninos'. The only activity that I have observed there is that of laying electric and telephonic wires or cables..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: 25X1D

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a known Soviet base (Bejucal Munitions Storage Site, Headquarters Area) located at coordinates 17QLR 582363. The site contains 3 large, 3 medium and 5

small Soviet-type tents, and 2 large non-Soviet-type tents. Ten van trucks and 25 cargo trucks were also observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV, 3d ed, 9/62.

10. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SAN MIGUEL DEL PADRON, SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201063363

DATE OF INFO: Mid-Apr 63

[] STATEMENT: 25X1A

"Source reports the location of a Soviet military installation (probable coord: LR 6654, Sheet 3785 III, Series E 723) on the northern outskirts of San Miguel del Padron Village, Havana Province. The installation is located on the north side of the highway...between San Miguel del Padron and Rosario Villages. Intense work is underway at this large installation. Four to six military barracks or warehouses are also located near the highway at this site. A system of internal roads has been constructed within the installation or site. Hidden behind hills and within a wooded glade, Soviet personnel are installing unidentified equipment. Source has observed large numbers of Soviet personnel being transported in trucks to and from this site..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: 25X1D

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of an area under construction at UTM grid 662544 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed). This area contains 7 large and 9 smaller barracks/storage-type buildings.

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Numerous construction materials and vehicles are scattered throughout the area. Type of construction is unknown at this time.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62.

11. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SANTE FE, BECADOS (SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS) CAMP

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DATE OF INFO: 16 Jun 63 and earlier

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DOCUMENT:

"On 16 Jun 63 I saw a 'becados' (Scholarship Students) camp at approximate (UTM) coordinates 461535 - Sheet 3685 II - Series E723 - AMS 3. I heard there were about three hundred becados of 14-21 years of age studying under Soviet professors. There are 30 masonry houses on that strip of land."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a strip of land containing masonry houses at UTM grid 461535 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3685 II, 3d ed). This strip contains 22 masonry houses, one swimming pool (with one associated building), one baseball field, one basketball court, and 2 other courts.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3685 II, 3d ed, 9/62.

12. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA FE, ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION

DATE OF INFO: 16 Jun 63 and earlier

[] STATEMENT:

Located at UTM coordinates 461537, there are seven batteries of 102 mm guns and two saucer-type radars. There are also two 1000-watt searchlights which are focused on Laguna Mar from 2130 hours until daybreak."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals an occupied 6-gun AAA site at UTM grid 461537 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3685 II, 3d ed), with a 7th gun off to the side of the site. The 2 radars and 2 searchlights were not observed on this date.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3685 II, 3d ed, 9/62.

13. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR LECHUGA, CONSTRUCTION OF SOVIET CAMP

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DATE OF INFO: Mar-15 May 63

[] STATEMENT:

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"In March 1963, a tract of land in Lechuga, Havana Province (UTM coordinates 702415, Sheet 3784 IV, Series E 723 - AMS 3) was cleared and leveled. I was told...that a camp was to be constructed there for use by Soviet personnel. A great amount of heavy construction equipment was used all during the month of April and up to the first week in May. However, (since) about 6-15 May...there was no construction going on..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography of [] reveals

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no evidence of construction or military activity at UTM grid 702415 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV, 3d ed). Source is probably referring to Managua SAM Site, at UTM grid 702434 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV, 3d ed), which was first observed under construction on 30 Jan 63. Missile equipment started arriving from Havana SAM Site on []

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MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3784 IV, 3d ed, 9/60.

14. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR LOMA DE TIERRA, SOVIET CAMP

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DATE OF INFO: Apr 63 25X1A

[] STATEMENT:

"As of April 1963 there was a Soviet camp at Loma de Tirre (Tierra), near the Managua camp in Havana Province."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a Soviet camp at Loma de Tierra; however, this camp is a known area (Loma De Tierra Military Camp) containing numerous vehicles.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 II, 3d ed, 9/60.

15. HAVANA PROVINCE, HAVANA CITY SW, MILITARY AREAS

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DATE OF INFO: Early Apr 63

[] STATEMENT:

Source listed the following 13 military areas (Figure 3) in Havana City (coordinates in this report are from AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62):

- "Area 1. Military zone with mobile equipment (UTM grid 502519).
- Area 2. Military zone with tanks and artillery under trees (UTM grid 484506).
- Area 3. Soviet residential area (UTM grid 479495).
- Area 4. Military zone with tanks under trees (UTM grid 478474).
- Area 5. Military school (UTM grid 471463).
- Area 6. Tanks and several types of artillery (UTM grid 520453).
- Area 7. Military zone with tanks (UTM grid 503471).
- Area 8. Magazine (UTM grid 497478).
- Area 9. Magazine (UTM grid 503479).
- Area 10. Army headquarters with fifty quad-mount machine guns under the trees (UTM grid 508502).
- Area 11. Military zone (UTM grid 510510).
- Area 12. Military zone with a large quantity of VHF communications equipment camouflaged under the trees (UTM grid 508517).
- Area 13. Army communications school (UTM grid 506524)."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals the following information:

Area 1 -- contains 4 large barracks/storage-type and numerous other buildings; 3 large non-Soviet-type tents; and approximately 250 vehicles (Figure 4).

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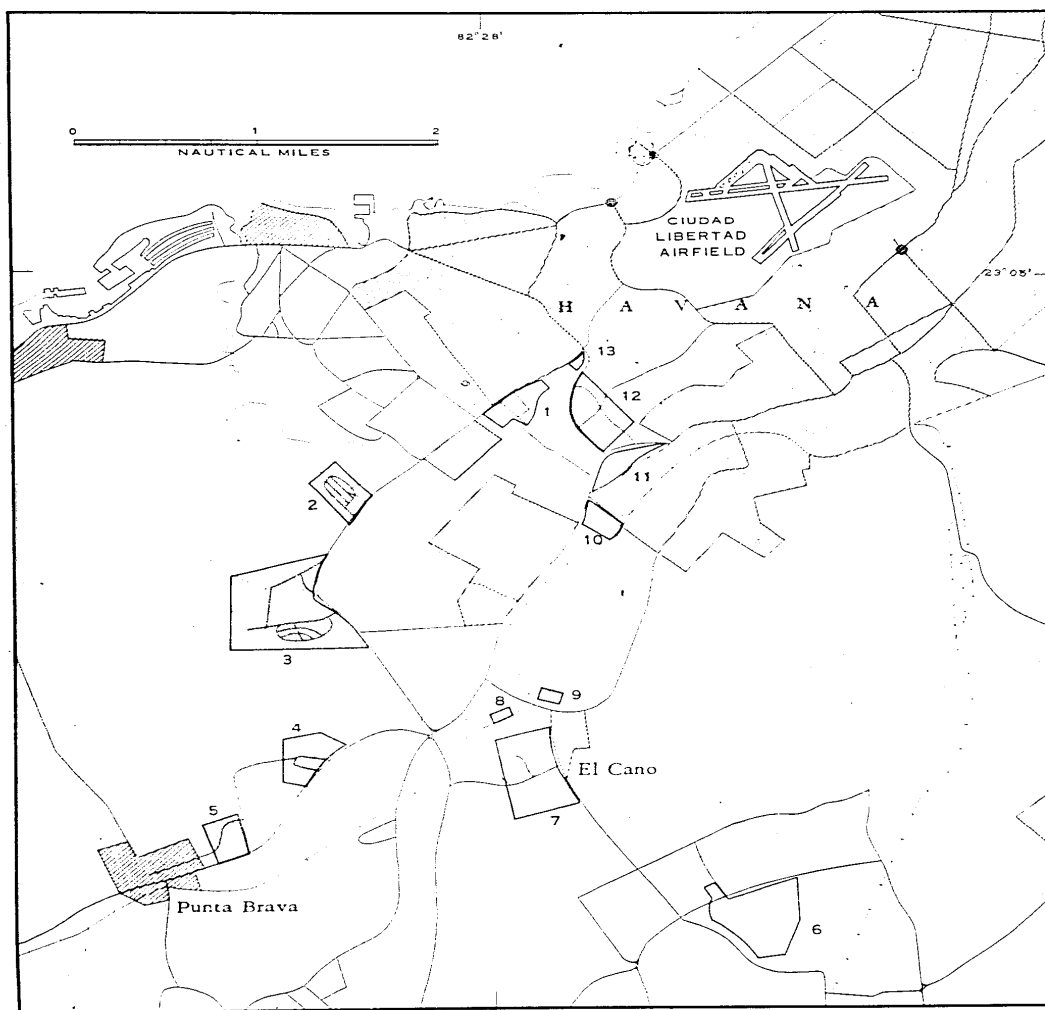


FIGURE 3. LOCATIONS OF MILITARY SITES, HAVANA CITY SW, HAVANA PROVINCE. Numbered areas in red are evaluated in item 15 in the text and shown as item 15 on Figure 2.

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FIGURE 4. AREA 1. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 5. AREA 2. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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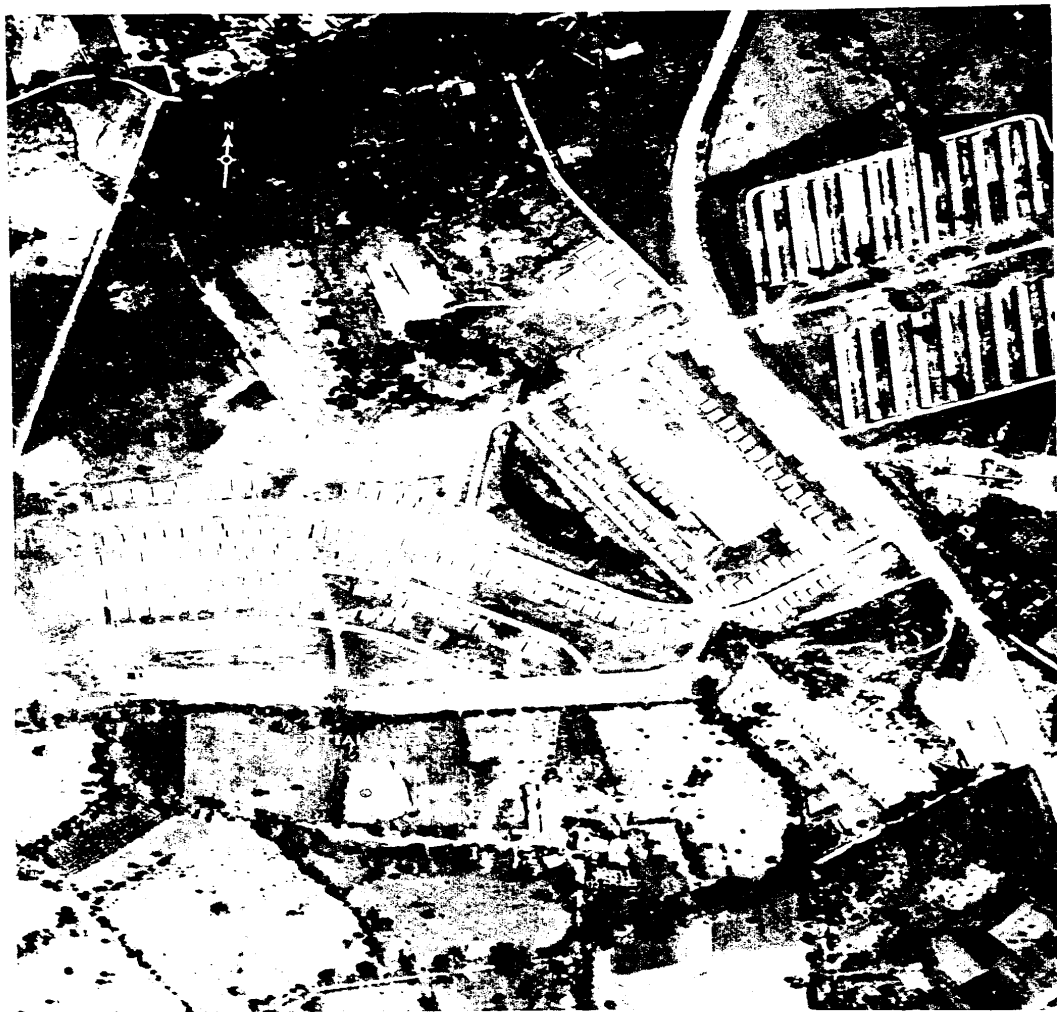


FIGURE 6. AREA 3. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 7. AREA 4. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 8. AREA 6. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 9. AREA 7. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 10. AREA 10. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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FIGURE 11. AREA 11. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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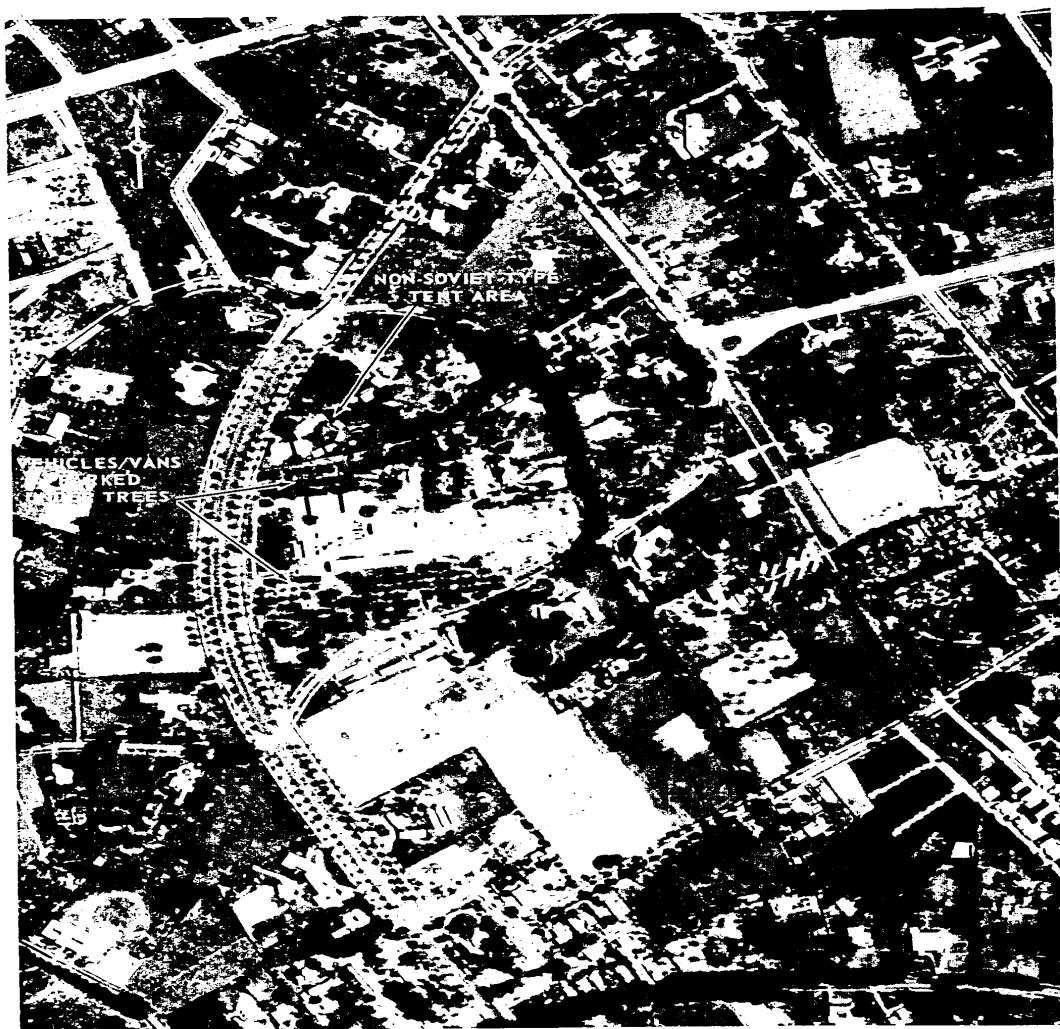


FIGURE 12. AREA 12. See Figure 3, Locations of Military Areas, Havana City SW.

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Area 2 -- contains approximately 110 vehicles (Figure 5).

Area 3 -- contains a residential area; however, nationality of occupants is undetermined (Figure 6).

Area 4 -- contains 9 barracks/warehouse-type and numerous administrative/support-type buildings and approximately 5 vehicles (Figure 7).

Area 5 -- shows no evidence of a military school at this location.

Area 6 -- contains one large recreation-type, 5 two-storied apartment and numerous smaller buildings; 5 large Soviet-type tents; approximately 100 FA/AAA pieces; and approximately 50 vehicles (Figure 8).

Area 7 -- contains one medium Soviet-type tent and at least 30 vehicles parked under the trees (Figure 9).

Areas 8 and 9 -- show no evidence of magazine storage.

Area 10 -- contains numerous small buildings; at least 20 FA/AAA pieces; and approximately 300 vehicles (Figure 10).

Area 11 -- contains 4 barracks/warehouse-type buildings and at least 100 vehicles (Figure 11).

Area 12 -- contains numerous buildings; 4 large and 2 medium non-Soviet-type tents; and at least 10 vehicles/vans parked under the trees (Figure 12).

Area 13 -- contains no evidence of a communications school.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, 11/62.

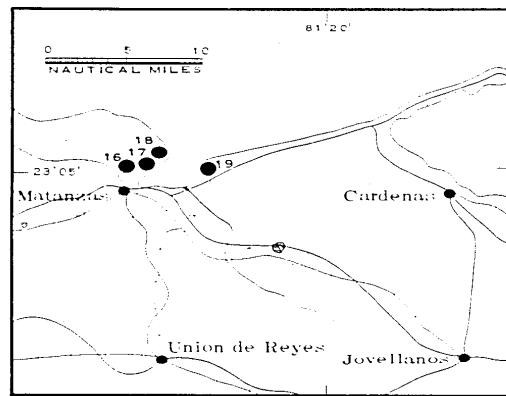


FIGURE 13. LOCATOR MAP FOR MATANZAS PROVINCE. Numbers in red show the locations of similarly numbered items evaluated in the text.

16. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR MATANZAS CITY, MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201086063

DATE OF INFO: May 63

STATEMENT:

"Five quad-mounted AA machine guns are located (UTM coord: MR 42850S, Sheet 3885 II, Series E 723) near the Rayonera textile factory, Matanzas Province."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals one small building, 4 small tents, and 3 unidentified vehicles at UTM grid MR 42850S. No AA positions were observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed, 1/61.

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17. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR MATANZAS CITY, MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS IN VICINITY OF MATANZAS

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201086063

DATE OF INFO: May 63

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[] STATEMENT:

"Three quad-mounted AA machine guns are located (UTM coord: MR 439503, Sheet 3885 II, Series E 723) 250 meters west of the bulk sugar warehouses at Molasses Pier, Matanzas, Matanzas Province."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals 3 small tents and 3 unidentified vehicles at UTM grid MR 439503 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed). No AA positions were observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed, 1/61.

18. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR MATANZAS CITY, MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201086063

DATE OF INFO: May 63

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[] STATEMENT:

"Six camouflaged AA guns are located at Punta Sabanilla (approximate UTM coord: MR 458548, Sheet 3885 II, Series E 723), Matanzas Province."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals no AA positions at UTM grid MR 458548 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed); however, a 5-gun DP/AA battery is emplaced at UTM grid

MR 458517 (AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed). One small building and 3 non-Soviet-type tents are associated with this site.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3885 II, 1st ed, 1/61.

19. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR PUNTA MAYA LIGHTHOUSE ON MATANZAS BAY, TANK POSITIONS

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SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

DATE OF INFO: Jun 63

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[] STATEMENT:

"During early June 1963 while on a trip from the city of Matanzas along the Via Blanca highway leading to Varadero, I observed four tanks in a dugout position. In the area were four field tents and several militia members. The tank positions and the field tents are located in grounds adjacent to the Bay of Matanzas, Punta Maya lighthouse. The tank positions were covered by camouflage nets. The four field tents were green in color matching surrounding vegetation. The tanks were positioned with their guns aimed toward the bay entrance."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals 4 unoccupied revetted drive-in positions along the coast at Punta de la Maya. These positions extend approximately 1,000 yards to either side of the Punta Maya Lighthouse. No tanks or tents are discernible in the area.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 3985 III, 1st ed, 1/61.

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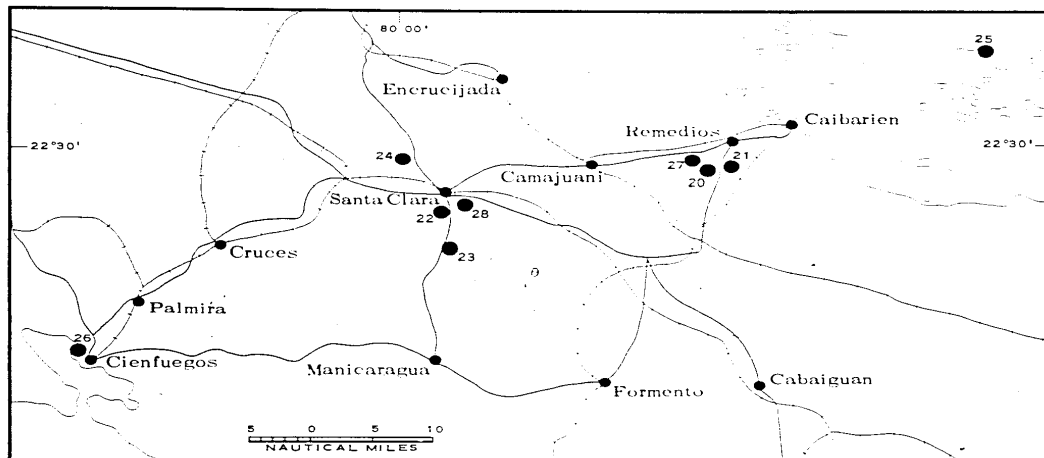


FIGURE 14. LOCATOR MAP FOR LAS VILLAS PROVINCE. Numbers in red show the locations of similarly numbered items evaluated in the text.

20. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR BARTOLOME, MILITIA CAMP

25X1A SOURCE DOCUMENT: [REDACTED]

DATE OF INFO: Feb-May 63

25X1A [REDACTED] STATEMENT:

"As of May 1963 a militia unit estimated at 1,500 men was stationed on the grounds of a former children's home on the west side of the road from Bartolome (N 22-27, W 79-33) to Zulueta (N 22-22, W 79-34), about 1.3 kilometers south of Bartolome... The troops were militiamen, but the officers belonged to the Rebel Army; the commanding officer was Captain Manuel Bonachea."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: 25X1D

Aerial photography dated [REDACTED] confirms the existence of a military camp in the area

described by source (UTM grid 483813); however, this is a known area (Bartolome Military Area) which includes non-Soviet-type tents.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 II, 2d ed, 9/60.

21. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, BETWEEN BARTOLOME AND VINAS, SOVIET CAMP

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: May 63 and earlier

[REDACTED] STATEMENT: 25X1A

"There is a Soviet camp west of Vinas and east of Bartolome, Las Villas Province, in an area of about 50 caballerias (1,666 acres). I have heard there are 2,000 Soviets there."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no Soviet camp west of Vinas and east of Bartolome. However, source is probably referring to known Soviet/Cuban military camps in this general area (Remedios and Bartolome Military Camps, UTM grids 460836 and 483813, respectively).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 II, 2d ed, 9/60.

22. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

25X1A

SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

DATE OF INFO: Apr 63

[] STATEMENT:

In April 1963 there was a military communications school on the Finca La Guirita (N 22-22, W 79-57), about two kilometers SE of Santa Clara, Las Villas Province. The school contained five 30 x 10 meter, brick and cement tiled-roof, warehouse-type buildings. The farm had been occupied by a militia camp since about April 1961. The whole area was encircled by a barbed-wire fence. Construction of the communications school buildings began about April 1962; the area which they covered was then fenced.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals a secured area containing 2 administrative-type, 3 barracks-type, and 8 warehouse/maintenance-type buildings, and 2 large non-Soviet-type tents. The area is fenced with gate located at UTM grid 076756.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 III, 2d ed, 9/60.

23. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, TANK CONCENTRATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

25X1A

DATE OF INFO: Apr 63

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[] STATEMENT:

"Since the spring of 1961 there has been a concentration of tanks belonging to the Cuban Armed Forces at Arroyo de los Mangos, just north of the Finca Mascota (N 22-19, W 79-56; AMS E 723, Sheet 4282 IV, UTM grid 17QPQ 103689), about seven kilometers southeast of Santa Clara, about 100 meters west of Santa Clara Aqueduct road. On 15 April 1963 a convoy of 19 tanks was seen going from this point toward Santa Clara. A militiaman said that they were 'Stalin-type medium tanks;' the drivers appeared to be Cubans."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: 25X1D

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a tank park at UTM grid 103689; however, this is a known tank park (Santa Clara Area, Military Activity), which now contains 13 tanks/SP guns.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4282 IV, 2d ed, 9/60.

24. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITE

SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

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DATE OF INFO: Apr 63

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[] STATEMENT:

"In March 1963 an antiaircraft artillery emplacement was observed approximately eight kilometers north of Santa Clara between the Finca Los Santos (AMS E 723, Sheet 4283 III, UTM grid 17QPQ036868) and San Evaristo (AMS E 723, Sheet 4283 III, UTM grid 17QPQ036864), in a section called Yabu (N 22-29, W 79-59). The emplacement was about 50 meters west of the road from Santa Clara to Cifuentes. There were six or seven guns, each about 13 feet long and four inches in diameter, camouflaged with branches... A militiaman said that these guns were an antiaircraft battery..."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of an AAA emplacement in the area indicated by source; however, source does pinpoint a known electronics installation (Santa Clara Area, Electronics Installation).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 III, 2d ed, 9/60.

25. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR CAYO FRANCES, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN

25X1A

SOURCE DOCUMENT: []

DATE OF INFO: May 63

[] STATEMENT:

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"At Punta del Este (N 22-38, W 79-10), the easternmost point of Cayo Frances, there is an antiaircraft gun, allegedly about 15 feet in length and six inches in diameter, mounted on a rotating base."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: 25X1D

Aerial photography of [] reveals no evidence of an antiaircraft gun located on the easternmost tip of Cayo Frances.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4383 I, 1st ed, 8/60.

26. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR CIENFUEGOS, STORAGE OF MISSILES

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: 25 Apr 63

[] STATEMENT: 25X1A

"On 25 April 1963, six trucks (with canvas-covered cargo), driven by Soviets, drove into the subterranean storage area of the Cayo Loco Naval Base at Cienfuegos. All Cuban personnel in this area were withdrawn so that they could not see what was being unloaded... An unidentified mechanic stayed in the area and reported he saw 20 surface-to-air missiles unloaded. He said a Soviet told him the missiles have a range of 50 miles. It was thought that the missiles which were unloaded were being shifted from the Rancho Luna area. A check was made, but the Rancho Luna missiles were still in place..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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Aerial photography dated [] reveals no activity of this nature in Cienfuegos. The Rancho Luna area (Cienfuegos SAM Site) remains occupied; the subterranean storage area at Cayo Loco appears to be too small for the type of storage reported.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4182 III, 2d ed, 4/62.

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27. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR REMEDIOS,
SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: Mar-May 63

[] STATEMENT:

"A large militia camp has been installed on a finca ... in the town of Bartolome, between Zulueta and Remedios, Las Villas Province. A large number of army tents and white-wheeled trucks can be seen from the highway."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a Soviet military installation near Remedios; however this is a known military installation (Remedios Military Camp, UTM grid 460836).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 II, 2ded, 9/60.

28. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITE

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: Mar-May 63

[] STATEMENT:

"A camp, with anti-aircraft cannons installed in the hills, is located very near Santa Clara between Placetes and Santa Clara ..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography of [] reveals an occupied 6-gun AAA site located at UTM grid 085763.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 4283 III, 2d ed, 9/60.

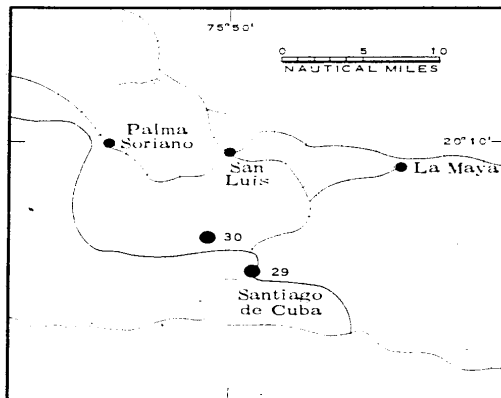


FIGURE 15. LOCATOR MAP FOR ORIENTE PROVINCE. Numbers in red show the location of similarly numbered items evaluated in the text.

29. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR SANTIAGO DE CUBA, RESTRICTED AREA AND EXCAVATIONS

SOURCE DOCUMENT: [] 25X1A

DATE OF INFO: 17 May 63 and earlier

[] STATEMENT:

"The residential area... located on 2nd Street, Santiago de Cuba, is now a restricted area. The area is surrounded by a 7' brick and cement wall. It is the original wall constructed by the former owners. A militia guard is posted at the iron gate, the main entrance into the area. Several other militiamen are posted around the compound at all times. Excavations were started during mid-1961 and lasted one year. These were conducted by Cubans inside the compound. Great quantities of dirt (were) extracted... I don't know

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the purpose of the excavations. However, I heard rumors (from) residents living near the restricted zone that a tunnel was being dug from there to the Maceo airport..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confirms the existence of a walled area as described by source; however, no excavations were observed inside the compound.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E 723, Sheet 5076 III, 2d ed, 4/62.

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